

MANCUSO, PATRICK A. 77

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE December 7, 1977

FULL NAME Patrick A. Mancuso
ADDRESS 4178 Baychester Avenue
CITY Bronx STATE New York ZIP 10462
DATE OF BIRTH _____
APPROXIMATE AGE 33
RELIGION _____ NATIONALITY Italian
OCCUPATION Bookkeeper
EDUCATION _____
WEIGHT 160 lbs. HEIGHT 5'7" RACE white
COLOR OF HAIR Black COLOR OF EYES _____
OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS _____
MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN -
WIFE'S NAME -

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
<u>T270</u>	<u>Bronx</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>SM</u>		

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

SUSPENDED FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Repeated molestation of male minors during troop activities, over a period of three years, while serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 270.

signed Dorothy W. Roster
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

COUNCIL #641 Bronx

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May 10, 1978

Mr. Donald W. Porter
Borough Scout Executive
Greater New York Council, No. 640

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Patrick A. Mancuso

Dear Mr. Porter:

Thank you for the substantiating information you sent concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have placed this man on the Confidential File.

Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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345 Hudson Street, New York, N.Y. 10014
(212) 242-1100
COUNCIL NO. 640



January 18, 1978

Registration Service
National Council, B.S.A.
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is documentation of action taken by Bronx Council, Greater New York Councils to remove Patrick A. Mancuso as Scoutmaster of Troop #270.

We requested that his name be placed in the Confidential File. Completed form #28-906 is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald W. Porter".

Donald Porter
Borough Executive
Bronx Council

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Encl.

Bronx Council Brooklyn Council Manhattan Council Queens Council Staten Island Council

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GREATER NEW YORK COUNCIL

345 Hudson Street New York, N.Y. 10014
(212) 242-1100

COUNCIL NO. 056



January 17, 1978

Mr. Patrick A. Mancuso
4178 Baychester Avenue
Bronx, New York 10466

Dear Mr. Mancuso:

On December 2, 1977 Bronx Council, Boy Scouts of America suspended you as Scoutmaster of Troop #270. At that time you were advised the matter was being held confidential between you and Council.

In a letter dated December 4, 1977 to Bronx Council President Ivan Warner, you requested a review be conducted to determine the specific reason for Council action resulting in your suspension. A review committee was established. A parent's meeting convened by you on December 12 was attended by the Borough Executive, Donald Porter and Morris Epstein, Executive Board Member. The names of the review committee were announced and met with your approval. The parents in attendance were advised that the action taken by Council was being held confidential between yourself and Council and that the entire matter would be reviewed by the committee with those persons concerned.

On December 20, 1977 you, accompanied by Mr. Petrolak, met with the review committee. At this time the details and nature of your suspension were discussed at length. At that time it was determined that the review committee would conduct further interviews with other parties involved and would report their findings to you at a later date. If necessary, you would again be invited to appear before them.

Subsequently, at your request, Donald Porter and Morris Epstein met with you at your home on December 27, 1977. In attendance at that meeting were [redacted] and [redacted]. At this meeting you requested opportunity to have representatives selected by you to appear before the review committee in your behalf. In addition, you gave us a letter from your Troop Committee signed by Mrs. Romano, Secretary, stating their complete support of you and requesting your exoneration. Also at this meeting [redacted] agreed, if invited, to appear before the Review Committee in your behalf. This met with your approval.

You are advised that on January 4, 1978 the Review Committee met and interviewed all persons discussed with you when you appeared before them on December 20. In addition, your Troop Committee letter of support; statements of [redacted] plus other statements which we have received since December 20, have become a part of the record. It is the feeling of this committee that any further statements on your behalf are unnecessary.

Brooklyn Council Manhattan Council Queens Council Richmond Council Westchester Council

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Mr. Patrick A. Mancuso

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January 7, 1978

As a result of these interviews and the resulting information, it is the consensus of this committee that your methods of leadership do not measure up to the standards established by the Boy Scouts of America.

For this reason it is the decision of this committee that your suspension as Scoutmaster of Troop #270 is sustained and the Bronx Council, Greater New York Councils, is directed to recommend to the National Registration Service that your commission as Scoutmaster be cancelled as of the original suspension date, December 2, 1977. We regret that this action is necessary.

Sincerely,

Morris Epstein
Morris Epstein, Chairman
Review Committee

Charles W. Ficke
Col. Charles W. Ficke, Attorney
~~Committee Member~~

Felix Mercurio
Felix Mercurio
Committee Member

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P. S. If you do not agree with this decision you may request a review from the Regional Office in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

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January 7, 1973

Mr. Ben Love, Director
Northeast Region, B.S.A.
Post Office Box 2014
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Ben:

Enclosed you will find complete documentation relative to action taken by Bronx Council, Greater New York Councils to remove PATRICK A. MANCUSO, as Scoutmaster of Troop No. 270 sponsored by Community Center of Israel and Weizman Busen J.W.F. Post No. 742.

You should anticipate that Mr. Mancuso will initiate a request for a review of our decision by Region.

As Borough Executive, I have never experienced a more difficult case involving the removal of a Scout leader. It has presented the dilemma of actual knowledge of deviate sexual behavior by parents and scouts who refused to take action against applicant because of fear of reprisal; or because they didn't want to get involved. It has been apparent also that parents completely disregarded his behavior since it was only rumor or because their son was not the one involved.

I am not looking for "Red Herring's", but with the increasing publicity given to new acceptance of deviate behavior resulting in changing morality perhaps we need to gird ourselves as to Scouting's stand in relation to community attitudes and standards of behavior, as they relate to Scouting.

If we can be of any help in this matter, in event of appeal, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Porter
Borough Scout Executive
The Bronx Council

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January 7, 1978

Mr. Mac Gayer, President
Community Center of Israel
Esplanada
Bronx, New York

Dear Mr. Gayer:

You were advised on December 7, 1977 of action taken by Bronx Council, Boy Scouts of America to suspend Patrick A. Mancuso as Scoutmaster of Troop #270.

As indicated in that letter a Review Committee had been appointed at Mr. Mancuso's request to investigate the details of the action.

We wish to advise you that this committee has met with Mr. Mancuso and discussed in detail all information pertinent to the issue. In addition, the committee has met with parents and others involved.

You are advised that the decision of the Review Committee has concluded that the methods of leadership employed by Mr. Mancuso are not in the best interests of Scouting and do not measure up to the leadership standards established by the Boy Scouts of America.

For this reason Mr. Mancuso has been advised that his commission as Scoutmaster has been cancelled.

Your institution should take immediate steps to recruit a replacement to assure continuance of the program. Should you have any need of assistance by this office, please advise me.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Porger
Borough Executive

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BRONX COUNCIL
INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT
PREPARED BY DONALD W. PORTER, BOROUGH EXECUTIVE, BRONX
CONCERNING
PATRICK A. MANCUSO
SCOUTMASTER OF TROOP 270
HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS APPLICANT

In August 1977 it came to my attention as Borough Executive through Harold Chilton, District Chairman, Eastern District, Bronx Council, that rumors were circulating concerning homosexual behavior of applicant with Scouts in his troop.

Charles Schinck, District Executive of Eastern District was assigned to investigate rumors and to secure any proof of misconduct.

Contacts were made with the following persons:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bronx, New York 10469
Tel: [REDACTED]

Charles Schinck talked to father who indicated he had only heard rumors and stated that to his knowledge, his son never witnessed anything.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bronx, New York 10469
Tel: [REDACTED]

Charles Schinck spoke to parent who indicated she had only hearsay information concerning applicant.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Broax, New York 10469
Tel: [REDACTED]
(Student at University of Vermont)

Refused to make a statement.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bronx, New York 10469
Tel: [REDACTED]
(Student at SUNY New Paltz)

Refused to make a statement.

[REDACTED]
(See Appendix Part I Statement #1)

[REDACTED]
(See Appendix Part I Statement #2)

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[REDACTED]
(See Appendix Part I Statement #3)

[REDACTED]
(See Appendix Part I Statement #4)

A result of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] statements after consultation with President Ivan Warner, it was decided that action should be taken to suspend applicant.

On checking Troop #270 Charter, it was discovered that applicant had signed as Head of Institution, as well as Scoutmaster. (See Appendix, Part II.) It was further noted that the I. R. and Chairman were the same person (ie. Mr. Sullo). We were advised he was applicant's "henchman". It was decided to approach applicant directly with President Warner's suspension letter. This was done on December 2, 1977 by me accompanied by Bart Rock, Vice Chairman of Eastern District (See Appendix, Part II).

On December 4, 1977, a letter from applicant was received requesting a review of the situation (See Appendix, Part II).

President Warner proceeded to appoint a Review Board Committee consisting of board members: Colonel Charles W. Ficke, Attorney, Felix Marcurio and Morris Epstein.

On December 12 Morris Epstein and Donald Porter attended parent's meeting called by applicant. (See Appendix, Part II).

Judge Warner directed me to put together all information germane to the situation. Copies were prepared of information in hand and sent to each Review Committee member.

Applicant was notified of review meeting scheduled for December 20, 1977 by certified mail.

Review Committee Meeting convened December 20, 1977. (See minutes of meeting, Appendix, Part III).

On December 21, 1977, I received a telephone call from applicant requesting a meeting with me elsewhere other than in courtroom atmosphere. Morris Epstein and I met with applicant on Tuesday, December 27, 1977 at applicant's home. Present were Mr. [REDACTED], Committee Member, [REDACTED] father of [REDACTED]; boy named in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] statements. Efforts were made by applicant to illicit additional information from us concerning statements. Strong support in behalf of applicant was expressed by Misters [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stating accusations were groundless. A letter from Mrs. Romano, secretary of Troop Committee was presented to me (See Appendix, Part IV). Applicant was advised that he would have to await decision of Review Committee. [REDACTED] agreed, if invited, to appear with his son [REDACTED] before the Review Committee to deny alleged misconduct of applicant.

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On December 28, 1977, letters were sent to [redacted] and son [redacted] and son [redacted] and son [redacted] and son [redacted] advising them of applicant's denial of their son's statements and were invited to appear before the Review Committee on January 4, 1978.

On December 28, 1977, we received two additional signed statements from Scouts [redacted] documenting additional incidents of molestation by applicant. (See Appendix, Part I Statements #3 & #4.)

On January 4, 1978 the Review Committee interviewed the above persons. (See minutes Appendix, Part IV.)

As a result of information which came to light at the January 4 meeting, it was conclusion of committee that he should be removed. Efforts have been made to secure written statement from Larry Durango, former Assistant Scoutmaster to corroborate parallel statements by [redacted]. As of this date statement has not been received.

It was the conclusion of this Review Committee based on information at hand, that applicant is employing methods of leadership which do not measure up to standards established by the Boy Scout Program and recommend his services as Scoutmaster of Troop #270 be terminated.

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PART I

WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF:

[REDACTED] #1

[REDACTED] #2

[REDACTED] #3

[REDACTED] #4

[REDACTED] STATEMENT #5

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REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

January 4, 1978

re

SUSPENSION OF PATRICK A. MANCUSO
SCOUTMASTER, TROOP NO. 270
(herein referred to as applicant)

M I N U T E S

PRESENT

REVIEW COMMITTEE

Col. Charles W. Ficke
Felix Mercurio
Morris Epstein

Ex-Offio

Hon. Ivan Warner
Bronx Council President
Donald W. Porter
Bronx Borough Executive

INTERVIEWEES:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PRFSIDING:

Morris Epstein
Chairman

REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 4, 1978

RE

PATRICK A. MARCUSO

The committee, in convening at 7:30 p.m., agreed to interview the [REDACTED] family first. Chairman Epstein expressed appreciation for their appearance to assist in determining the facts in case.

The incidents in Statements No. 1 and 2, involving applicant and their son [REDACTED] were read to the [REDACTED]. Chairman Epstein expressed necessity of stating the truth concerning details.

[REDACTED] stated he had been with applicant and had slept together in same bed.

[REDACTED] denied Statements No. 1 and 2, indicating that charges by these Scouts were untrue.

When asked if he ever took a shower at camp, alone with applicant, he stated he could not remember.

[REDACTED] father, and long time Scouter, felt matter should have come to his attention at the outset of Council's knowledge, since he is parent of son involved.

He indicated [REDACTED] approached Mac Gayer, head of Community Center, to lodge complaint. (Apparently no action was taken.)

[REDACTED] said she had told [REDACTED] if they had any doubts concerning applicant's action, they should call the Council and not the committee, because the Troop Committee was "stacked" (with applicant's "henchmen").

[REDACTED] requested chance to read statements of [REDACTED] No. 1 and [REDACTED] No. 2.

Chairman Epstein requested this be deferred until Committee had opportunity to question the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were invited to return later in meeting.

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INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] AND SON [REDACTED]

Chairman Epstein requested [REDACTED] give any further details he might have concerning the third paragraph of his statement (i.e. applicant's fondling of [REDACTED] while in front seat of car). (Statement #1 Appendix)

"Around October 1974, I became aware of improper procedures between [REDACTED] and applicant. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] always rode in the front seat with applicant. At the time applicant had a Hornet with bucket seats, and you could see from the back seat. [REDACTED] would slide over console, beside applicant, so he could drive car."

Judge Warner: "Was ever any comment made concerning this?"

[REDACTED] "Yes, we indicated [REDACTED] shouldn't do that."
(Reference was to driving endangerment).

Applicant replied: "I'll let [REDACTED] do whatever he wants."

Others riding in rear seat, who witnessed fondling acts to [REDACTED] included [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was asked if applicant was aware that the troop staff knew of these acts. Answer by [REDACTED] was "Yes".

[REDACTED] indicated that after he [REDACTED] had rejected applicant's advances, as described in statement (beginning in February 1976) applicant began heaping verbal abuse on him.

In November 1975, while staying at Motel at Mystic Seaport, group was watching T.V. Present were applicant, [REDACTED] and another Scout (name not recalled). In full view of those present, applicant reached up and pulled down [REDACTED] pants and rubbed his face on [REDACTED] buttocks.

When I became S.P.L. my mother limited me to two nights a week for Scouting because of other things, such as school work.

Applicant exhibited ownership of me and became incensed over my mother's decision.

Applicant paid for trips to motels, over weekends, to check out future troop campsites.

Camp Yahou incident (word clarification i.e. Button):

Troop was in formation. Applicant put his hand on [REDACTED] buttocks and rubbed up and down in full view of troop.

Appalachian Trail Trip:

Applicant and [REDACTED] were always going ahead a couple of miles during rest periods. These periods were about 15 minutes long in duration.

[REDACTED] was asked if he had ever ridden in front seat of applicant's car.

Answer was in the affirmative, and on many occasions. On a few occasions he tried to fondle me.

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]
RE PATRICK A. MANCUSO, SCOUTMASTER, T-270

[REDACTED] indicated he had learned about misbehavior of applicant in April of 1977.

[REDACTED] Assistant Scoutmaster, told him he had actually seen sodomy, both oral and anal, performed by applicant on [REDACTED] on numerous occasions.

[REDACTED] indicated, in April, two members of the Troop Committee, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to Troop Chairman [REDACTED] and complained of the Scoutmaster's behavior. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] confirmed seeing things.

Chairman [REDACTED] invited applicant to dinner in his home and confronted applicant with charges. Applicant did not deny charges, but stated [REDACTED] need not worry since his son [REDACTED] "was not my type".

[REDACTED] resigned and son left troop.

[REDACTED] indicated that he asked [REDACTED] why he did not go further and oust Scoutmaster Mancuso. His reply was, "No one wants to get involved."

Subsequent action came when applicant put Jack McArdle in as chairman of troop.

[REDACTED] indicated he had asked "Who is Jack McArdle". Applicant became indignant and stated that unless McArdle became Chairman, he would quit as Scoutmaster.

[REDACTED] called McArdle concerning accusations against Scoutmaster. He indicated McArdle passed matter off as "kid stuff".

Judge Warner asked, "After you learned of these incidences in April of 1977, did you permit your son to go on trips? Answer was "No".

In May 1977, continued [REDACTED] a parent's meeting was held to air the incidents. This turned into a confrontation between myself and applicant.

Applicant accused me of trying to destroy the troop and to start one of my own.

During the meeting, applicant left for about one hour and on his return confronted me by asking if I had any proof of accusations. I indicated that I did not.

Questions were asked concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated he was a person with an "unusual lifestyle" and that he had told Charlie Schinck (Eastern District Executive) that he had witnessed several acts by applicant.

In April of 1977, applicant made arrangements to camp at some farm. Applicant and [REDACTED] went ahead of the troop and were separated from troop for over three hours.

Applicant and [REDACTED] never came after troop. Police found Pat and [REDACTED] at farmhouse.

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Statement of [REDACTED]
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Judge Warner: "Do you hold any animosity against the applicant?"

[REDACTED]: "No."

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MINUTES OF MEETING
CONCERNING PATRICK MARCUSO

[REDACTED] AND SON [REDACTED]

Chairman Epstein read statement, concerning Christmas Hike of December 1975, when [REDACTED] went by applicant's tent to get a present.

[REDACTED] said he looked in tent and saw applicant on bunk with [REDACTED] fondling groin area.

On his return to troop, he told boys to look in tent as they went by to get their presents. Each boy did.

[REDACTED] further stated that the Scouts had told Mr. Durasco what they had seen. Mr. Durasco said he did not believe it, but looked in tent as he passed it. He came back and said he did believe it.

[REDACTED] stated Mr. Sullo (Troop Chairman weighing 300 lbs) would sit on Scouts to wake them in morning while at camp. He would also push Scouts up against wall and press himself (300 lbs.) against them.

[REDACTED] stated it was common practice for certain Scouts to become close to applicant. He then gave them favorable treatment. [REDACTED] during end of the year Awards Dinner, became scribe. He suddenly became real high as a leader in troop, then suddenly just dropped out of troop.

[REDACTED] stated she had become knowledgeable of incidents, but let [REDACTED] stay in troop "as long as he wasn't bothering my son".

[REDACTED] made comments of how much he felt Scouting had helped his son.

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MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING
WITH [REDACTED] AND SONS [REDACTED]
CONCERNING PATRICK MANCUSO

The [REDACTED] were recalled after interviews with the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED].
Statements of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were read by [REDACTED].

After reading statements, [REDACTED] stated that a long time ago (when [REDACTED] was 14 years old) applicant came to their house. At that time she thought crossed her mind that applicant showed homosexual tendencies. She discussed homosexuality with [REDACTED] and then shrugged it off.

[REDACTED] stated that he had been away with applicant many times and he never made any advances to him.

When asked the same question, [REDACTED] indicated that applicant never made any advances to him.

When [REDACTED] was asked if applicant ever took him alone to a motel over a weekend to check out future campsites, he replied, "Yes, many times."

(Author's note: On this question it was noted that [REDACTED] slowly nodded her head in affirmative several times.)

The committee requested that the two sons leave so the parents could be talked with further.

[REDACTED] indicated she could give many reasons why the applicant should not be Scoutmaster. Among other things, he is a highly biased person. He also left the troop unattended on too many occasions.

Don Porter reminded [REDACTED] that at a meeting held at applicant's home (called at applicant's request on December 27, 1977) he was present and in support of applicant. He said "yes" when asked if he would appear in support of applicant.

It was stated to the [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had reaffirmed their statements as made. They were advised the Review Committee had additional statements citing misconduct that did not include their son. These letters were shared.

[REDACTED] indicated he too, at times, had suspected homosexual incidences, but discounted them as rumors.

The [REDACTED] were advised that a number of people had been approached in effort to secure written statements, but "they didn't want to get involved since their sons were no longer in the Scouts". For this reason, and because others have flatly refused to give evidence, this matter has been difficult.

The [REDACTED] were reminded that because of the "stacked" nature of the charter, the council moved directly to remove applicant.

Applicant was advised that Council was concerned in keeping this matter between him and the Boy Scouts of America.

It was his decision to set up a parents meeting on Monday, December 12, 1977, to confront Council in effort to expose reasons.

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MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING WITH [REDACTED] AND SONS (continued)

It was also applicant's decision to request a review of the matter and to learn of the charges. This was carried out on Thursday, December 22, 1977 with the Review Board Committee, applicant and Mr. Petrolak.

Again, at applicant's request, Morris Epstein and Donald Porter, Borough Executive, met with applicant on December 27, 1977, along with [REDACTED] father of [REDACTED] father of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] came back in after meeting finished. He again stated he knew of no instance that could be construed as misconduct during his tenure in Troop 270 as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Judge Warner asked [REDACTED] "From what you have heard, do you have any reason to believe these statements as being untrue." Answer received was "No".

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STATEMENT # 30

Dec. 27, 1977

Dear Mr. Schuck,

In answer to your questions regarding Pat Mancuso's behavior, as a Scoutmaster, I am writing this letter.

While on route to Camp Matlock in the car, as Pat was driving, he rubbed his hand several times on my left thigh. I repeatedly pushed his hand away.

On an scouting trip we slept in the same double bed in a motel. When I awoke I found his head on my stomach.

On scouting overnight Pat always slept in a tent with the same scout away from the rest of the troop. In the early morning you could always hear Pat & the other boy giggling.

Pat always took showers after the other scout finished, with this same scout.

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During scouting overnight Pat
presumably left the troop without
adult supervision while he and
his pet scout went off the grounds.
It was a well known fact
among the members of the troop
that if you wanted to advance
in rank and hold leadership position
you had to have dealings with Pat.
If you have any questions please
contact me [REDACTED]

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]

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STATEMENT #4

Dec. 27, 1977

Dear Mr. Schinck,

I am writing this letter to give you all of the information I know about Pat Mancuso.

When in summer camp Pat used to rush the scouts out of the showers so he could take a shower alone with another scout. At night Pat and a chosen scout went out during overnights and summer camp and left us alone.

When last summer past he took me to Maine and I slept in the same bed as him. During the night he went up and down on my bed with his hand. I kept on pushing his hand away but he wouldn't stop.

In his troop in order for a scout to advance he expected you to fool around with you, and if you didn't then you wouldn't advance.

If you have any further questions please call me.

Yours truly,

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To: Don Porter

From: Charles Schinck

Subject: Pat Mancuso

Some time ago I spoke to [REDACTED] an adult who was associated with Troop 270. Over the phone he told me that he witnessed a sexual act between Pat Mancuso and a boy in the troop.

I asked [REDACTED] if he was willing to give me a written statement regarding this matter. He said he would if others would come forward and make statements.

I have been unable to contact [REDACTED] by phone and have sent him two letters requesting his assistance. I went to his home but he was not home.

[REDACTED] phone conversation with me took place in [REDACTED] home. Larry and his son were present at the time and can verify the conversation.

Charles H. Schinck

Bronx Council

Brooklyn Council

Manhattan Council

Queens Council

Saratoga Springs Council

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Troop 270 Parents Comm.

██████████
Bronx, N.Y.

Dec. 26, 1977

Honorable Ivan Warner
Mr. Don Porter
Bronx, Council Executive
345 Hudson Street
New York, N.Y. 10014

Dear Sirs:

As concerned parents of the Boys in Troop 270, we have been made completely aware of the serious charges made against scoutmaster Pat Mancuso. Having some knowledge of the events leading up to these accusations, We are not at all surprised. Our primary concern is that Mr. Mancuso is exonerated of these unfounded charges.

The timing and sequence of events leading up to these charges is "curiouser & curiouser." As with any charges of this nature, we believe it behooves the Bronx County council to consider the source and the reasons.

We have discussed these charges quite openly among both the parents and the boys of our troop. The reaction has been outrage at the charges. As far as we are concerned, we firmly believe the charges are based on jealousy and vindictiveness and we are convinced that they are unfounded and are meant to destroy the reputation of a man who has been concerned with boys and scouting for the past 15 years.

It is our sincere desire that these proceedings be quick and favorably concluded.

The alleged accusers have a history of hostile relationships with both the parents and the boys of our troop. And since you have obviously

conducted a thorough investigation, we are at a loss to understand why no current parent or scout has had the opportunity to be questioned.

We should also like to point out that the allegations begin in 1973. We are all curious as to why a person who is so concerned with his welfare and that of the other boys could possibly have continued on in the troop as an active member under those circumstances.

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It cannot be said that the charges were unknown prior to the receipt of the letters mentioned at Mr. Mancuso's hearing Tue. Dec. 18, 1977.

The reason we were aware of the nature of the charges, is that they were made by the parents of one of the boys who wrote the letters to you. This smacks of revenge because the party concerned could not have their way. Our committee runs the troop in consultation with the Scoutmaster. One individual family has never, and will never, rule our troop. And they certainly tried hard to do just that.

It should also be mentioned that this is not the first attempt by these people to destroy our troop. They not only have organized another troop but have also approached other parents and boys of 270 for the purpose of joining them in this escapade which is completely inconsistent with the morals and principals of scouting.

We implore you in the interest of justice to exonerate our scoutmaster, and at the same time take appropriate action to prevent the recurrence of these unpleasant events.

[REDACTED]
Parent Committee
Troop 70
[REDACTED]

Troop & Parents Comm/mr

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NOTES

TROOP #270 PARENT'S MEETING

PREPARED BY DONALD PORTER, BOROUGH EXECUTIVE

On Monday P. M. December 12, 1977 I received a call from a Mrs. [REDACTED] who identified herself as Secretary of Troop #270 Parent's Committee. She requested my presence at a committee meeting being held that night concerning the suspension of Patrick Mancuso as Scoutmaster.

[REDACTED], member of Review Committee and myself attended meeting. The atmosphere was cool. After my insistence that the Scouts were not to be in attendance at meeting, they were removed to another room to continue their meeting.

Mr. [REDACTED], Chairman, opened meeting and arbitrarily stated all troop activity was being suspended for one month. Mr. [REDACTED] removed himself from presiding and a Mr. [REDACTED] was appointed to preside.

I advised committee that Mr. Mancuso's suspension should not result in cancellation of all troop activity as it was responsibility of Troop Committee to continue program.

Mr. [REDACTED] opened meeting by indicating the suspension evidently was a result of suspected homosexual behavior on part of Scoutmaster Mancuso. I was questioned as to specific reasons by P. Mancuso and several parents. I stated that the matter was between Mr. Mancuso and Council and that at this request a Review Committee had been established to look into situation. Several parents became very volatile by accusing me of "McCarthyism" rank "communism".

At their request I announced the names of the Review Committee and Mr. Mancuso nodded his head in approval of the selection.

It was most apparent that the parents present were aware of accusations which had been made last June by one family and which had been thrown out as unfounded.

Every effort was made by P. Mancuso and parents to get me elicit information in our hands. [REDACTED] president of the Community Center, went directly to the Chairman and stated publicly he was to be the Institutional Representative as of that date.

After meeting one parent stated to me "Pat doesn't stand a chance". "He's not bright enough to face a Review Committee." I asked him if he had any information that would help the committee. He stated all he had was rumors like everyone else.

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December 2, 1977

Mr. Patrick A. Mancuso
4178 Baychester Avenue
Bronx, New York 10462

Dear Pat:

We are in receipt of your request for a review of your suspension as Scoutmaster, issued December 2, 1977. President Ivan Warner is proceeding directly to appoint a review committee to review the facts as presented to us. In addition, he may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.

You will be advised, at the proper time, should it be deemed necessary for you to appear before them.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Porter
Borough Scout Executive
The Bronx Council

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December 7, 1977

Mr. Mac Gayer, President
Community Center of Israel
2440 Esplanade
Bronx, New York 10469

Dear Mr. Gayer:

This letter is to call your attention to the fact that the Greater New York Councils, Bronx Borough Council, has seen fit to suspend Patrick A. Mancuso, Scoutmaster of Troop 270, as of Friday, December 2, 1977.

Mr. Mancuso was advised that information has come to the Council's attention concerning unsatisfactory conduct by him as scoutmaster. Mr. Mancuso has requested a review by Council of his situation. President Ivan Warner has established a review committee who will be responsible for handling the situation.

I understand concern has been expressed that the Community Center was not advised in advance, of our action. The reason we did not pursue the matter directly with you was because the current Troop Charter indicates the chief officer as Patrick Mancuso (see attached)

Since this has caused concern, I recommend that in the future, any charter submitted be completed with the proper officials, to avoid misunderstanding.

We will keep you advised of developments concerning this matter.

Yours truly

Donald W. Porter
Borough Scout Executive
The Bronx Council

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cc: Ivan Warner
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CHRISTOPHER ORABONA	1578 YATES AVE	BRONX	NY	10461	12		R	T	
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Patrick A. Mancuso

SCOUTMASTER

4178 BAYCHESTER AVENUE

BRONX, N. Y. 10466

December 4, 1977

Honorable Ivan Warner
Borough President
345 Hudson Street
New York, N.Y. 10014

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated Nov. 28, 1977, in which my registration with the Boys Scouts of America is being questioned.

I should like to point out that I am now, and always have been aware of the privilege I have been granted in my leadership. I am also proud of my leadership for it has always been honorable to the letter, both in leading the scouts and in my own personal life.

I am therefore at a loss to comprehend the nature of this action and of course I wish to have this decision reviewed.

Sincerely yours in Scouting
Patrick A. Mancuso

PAM/mr
cc:
Mr. Don Porter
Bronx Council Executive
345 Hudson Street
New York, N.Y. 10014

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SUPPLEMENTARY #1

Statement Regarding Patrick Mancuso

December 4, 1977

Received phone call from Bert Rock regarding 40 minute conversation he had just had over the phone with [REDACTED] (parent of scout) who indicated he would support Patrick Mancuso in his bid for redress.

I indicated to Bert apparently Patrick Mancuso had contacted him concerning the matter. (Matter has not been discussed or revealed to either Mancuso or [REDACTED] so they are assuming something).

Rock indicated steps council had taken to act on information which had come to their attention and that Mancuso had been advised of proper procedure if he was not satisfied with the way the matter was being handled after talking with Rock.

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STATEMENT CONCERNING

Patrick Mancuso

On Friday, December 2, 1977, 8:15 P.M., I delivered personally into the hands of Patrick Mancuso a copy of the attached letter.

I was accompanied by Bert Rock, Vice Chairman, Eastern District Bronx Borough Council.

After reading the letter the subject requested reason. It was suggested that he review his tenure as Scoutmaster relative to any action by him which might be construed as conduct not in keeping with Scouting principles.

Subject inquired if I had gone to the synagogue concerning matter. I indicated that we had not and that this letter was being delivered as a result of information which had come directly to my attention as Borough Executive.

He asked if it was from [REDACTED] (family of scout in troop). I indicated no comment.

He pursued with, "If it is from the [REDACTED] the synagogue knows all about it." They [REDACTED] were kicked out of the synagogue after meeting of parents had found accusations (not specified) as groundless.

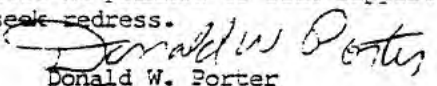
Subject indicated, "He had kind of expected this." He asked why I hadn't come to him before and had hoped he would have had a couple weeks to work things out. He further stated he had given thought to quitting back last June.

I advised him to resign but if he felt my action was not justified, he could write to President Warner as directed in letter.

I advised subject our action was confidential and any action on his part to broaden the issue was his responsibility.

Bert Rock indicated his presence was as witness to my action as Borough Executive.

On parting, subject indicated he planned to seek support of parents and would write to Council President to seek redress.


Donald W. Porter
Borough Executive

P. S. There was a young man about 15 years old in presence of Patrick Mancuso at time of delivery of letter. His identity was not determined unfortunately. Patrick Mancuso handed letter to boy to read who responded "What can you do?"
(Boy may have been [REDACTED])

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November 23, 1977

Mr. Patrick A. Mancuso
4178 Baychester Avenue
Bronx, New York 10462

Dear Mr. Mancuso:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely,



Ron. Ivan Warner
Borough President
Bronx Council

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[REDACTED]
Bronx, N.Y. 10469

11/7/77

Mr. Charles Schenck
91-46 118th St.
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418

Re: Behavior of Scoutmaster Patrick A. Mancuso

Dear Mr. Schenck,

I regret that I am writing this letter concerning the behavior of Scoutmaster Patrick A. Mancuso of Troop 270, Bronx, N.Y. but I feel it is my duty to warn all boys who may come in contact with him.

I first met Mr. Mancuso (Pat, as he likes to be called) in December of 1973 when Troops 270 and 744 merged. A Mr. [REDACTED] was scoutmaster of 270 but stepped down when the troops merged. Pat became the scoutmaster.

I became aware of Pat's questionable behavior in October of 1974. I was sitting in the back seat of Pat's car. A scout named [REDACTED] (son)

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was sitting on the front seat of the car, next to Pat, on the passenger side. While driving, Pat put his hand in [redacted] lap and started moving his hand up and down the inside of [redacted] leg. [redacted] showed no protest to this action. I was soon to learn that this procedure was a common occurrence and still existed when I left the Troop last spring.

In March of 1975, [redacted] became Senior Patrol Leader and soon many other people became aware of this act. About April of the same year, [redacted] started moving over towards the driver's side and take control of the steering wheel ^{and the} gas and brake pedals while Pat was managing him.

In November of 1975, the troop went on a weekend to Mystic Seaport Conn. The troop stayed in a motel. In the motel room, Pat pulled [redacted] pants while [redacted] was on the bed, in a prone position. He proceeded to rub his face against [redacted] posterior with [redacted] showing no reluctance at all. One other scout was in the room along with Pat [redacted] and me.

In mid-November, [redacted] and Pat had some sort of disagreement. [redacted] resigned as SPL and I assumed the vacant position.

Pat attempted the same motions in the car similar to the ones with [redacted] It was to no avail because I did

not take well to the idea and rejected his hand

In December of the same year, [REDACTED] and I both passed our Eagle Boards.

On our January weekend to Camp Kaufman of Long Island, Pat openly criticizes me in front of the troop of:

a) asking and telling my mother everything connected with the troop and as a result b) losing 20 scouts. The reason for this was that my mother limited me to only 2 nights to go out with Pat a week.

In February of 1976, [REDACTED] and I held our Eagle Dinner. It was held in a catering hall called Lardi's. After the Eagle Dinner, on the weekend of February 20-22, the troop had a weekend at Camp Yaw Paw in New Jersey. On one of those nights, Pat made his move. The troop had lean-to's on the weekend. All of the troop slept on the other side of the campsite and Pat and I slept alone in another lean-to. At about 7 PM, the troop went to sleep and I attempted to. I couldn't because I heard whispers of, "[REDACTED] you're a doll, you're such a doll." I heard this over and over and felt a warm hand coming down the inside of my sleeping bag. I said, "Pat, I'm very tired. I want to get some sleep." Pat replied, "In a little while." I just froze because I was so shaken. Then the hand went inside my underwear and moved up and down my posterior. Finally, Pat heeded my requests for sleep and took his hand out of my sleeping

with an arrow he wanted to know why Pat had said, "Remember, [redacted] gets no awards." Surely enough, I didn't receive any awards even though every other staff member had special awards & retained so only they fulfilled the requirements & resigned and [redacted] became SP.

In summer camp, I became aware with Pat's activities with other scouts. I was treated badly ^{that} and became a CIT, the second week.

Earlier in the summer, [redacted] and I attend Brownsea as staff members. Pat somehow learned of drugs being available during the course and that [redacted] took part. Pat, trying to beat out Fred Jacki for the position of scoutmaster post, said I had told him about the drugs. This he bragged to the council and as a result, very few scouts connected with Brown Council talk to me. I had not told Pat anything except that I thought there were drugs, but did not see any. I did not learn what he did until the following October.

In November of 1976, Pat started bothering me that I was not doing my job correctly. I had the job of advancement which is normally taken care of by a committee chairperson. At this time, I did not have a title but was a "staff" member. Soon, I was promoted to JAS.

I left the troop in April of 1977. Pat started bothering me again. I refused to buy food for the annual Appalachian

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The next day, the troop sensed that I was shaken and asked what was wrong. I didn't answer and stayed as far away from Pat as I could for the rest of the weekend. No other "staff" (SPL, JASIT, ASPL, ASM) members attended this hike.

In March, Pat really gave me a hard time. I was supposedly SPL and [redacted] ASPL. Things didn't work that way. I was treated like an inferior and [redacted] as my superior. We camped on the March weekend to Annapolis Naval Academy in Maryland. Pat had some sort of feud with [redacted] [redacted]. In front of the whole troop Pat put his hand on [redacted] buttox and moved it up and down.

On our yearly Appalachian Trail overnight in April, it is the SPL's privilege to lead the troop. However I was told to cover the back of the line by Pat while [redacted] led the troop. This infuriated me, and ~~my~~ I wanted to quit the troop, but my parents ~~convince~~ convinced me to stay. At that time, I still didn't tell my parents what had happened on that February weekend.

In May, on our canoe trip, on the Delaware River, Pat and [redacted] paddled in the same canoe [redacted] was named TASM and [redacted] was named to host awards night. Usually the SPL has this privilege also.

In June, before awards night, our union scout (who was connected

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Train overnight, because of improper notice. I was told, if I didn't buy the food, I wouldn't be allowed to attend the overnight. I called Pat's bluff and did not attend. The next meeting, I read a fully prepared speech, in front of the whole troop which said, "Because of immature and unsocial behavior," I was stripped of J.A.S.H. and demoted to a patrol member. I left the meeting with no reluctance and never returned to a troop meeting.

Pat had just pushed me too far. I went home and told my parents everything.

I wonder what Patrick A. Mancuso considers "immature and unsocial behavior." Does sexually assaulting boys define the quote or does making a boy miserable by making his friends enemies define the quote. Does leaving the camp with a boy in charge and no adult near define the quote or does ruining a boy's good reputation define the quote.

I hope you will take the appropriate action against the man thus helping all the boys that otherwise might have come in contact with him.

Please act soon. Thank you for taking time to read the letter.

Sincerely yours,


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To the Boy Scout Council of Greater N.Y.

I am writing this in reference of Pat Manning the scout master of Troop 270. Here are some of the accounts which happened that I witnessed.

- (1) It was a Christmas hike in December. At night time the tents of boys which I was in went into the tents of the rest of the boys. The other tent was the one which Pat [redacted] slept in. They went up to get my gift I noticed [redacted] was laying on the bed Pat was next to him. [redacted] had his pants open and Pat was feeling his groin area.
- (2) We were on a January hike at Santa Hills. One of my friends & I were going to Pat & [redacted] tent to acquire some tent pegs. When we opened the tent we saw Pat of force. He quickly rolled off like nothing happened and yelled to get out.
- At summer camp we always saw Pat, house, and [redacted] taking showers together and never with the rest of the troop.
- I noticed that when I was in the troop, there was boys who became close to Pat. Those were the boys who mostly advanced in rank. If you went along with Pat you would become higher in leadership.

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